

# Warners Chapel Church of Christ



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**A CORDIAL WELCOME AWAITS YOU**

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## **JEREMIAH 10:1-5: A CHRISTMAS TREE?**

It is not unusual, this time of year, for some to make inquiry as to the application of the aforementioned verse. To some, this might seem to apply to having a Christmas tree in ones' home. There are, however, some inherent problems with applying this verse to our practice of placing a tree in our homes.

First, this passage was written several hundred years before Christ's birth, so it could not be referring to a CHRIST-MAS tree.

Second, the practice of decorating trees did not come into practice for several hundred years after the birth of our Savior.

Thirdly, the correct application is that the nations were practicing idolatry. Keil and Delitsch commentaries on the Old Testament, affirm this.

Warning against idolatry by means of a view of the nothingness of the false gods ([Jer.10:1-5](#)), and a counter-view of the almighty and everlasting God ([Jer.10:6-11](#)) and of His governing care in the natural world. This warning is but a further continuation of the idea of [Jer.9:23](#), that Israel's glory should consist in Jahveh who doth grace, right, and justice upon earth. In order thoroughly to impress this truth on the backsliding and idolatrous people, Jeremiah sets forth the nullity of the gods feared by the heathen, and, by showing how these gods are made of wood, plated with silver and gold, proves that these dead idols, which have neither life nor motion, cannot be objects of fear; whereas Jahveh is God in truth, a living and everlasting God, before whose anger the earth trembles, who has created the earth, and rules it, who in the day of visitation will also annihilate the false gods.

Unless you are bowing down to your tree and you give respect to it as deity, there is nothing wrong with a Christmas tree or other harmless decorations.

—Paul

## ELDERS CORNER:

Warners Chapel is blessed in many ways because of the Christians that attend and work for the cause of Christ. It is always encouraging seeing brethren going forward learning and using what they have learned to be an example to the church and those of the world.

Last Sunday evening the young men took charge of the services, showing all in attendance their willingness to be active in the church. Some led us in song, others read scripture, some prayed, and two of our young men gave a short talk. It takes courage and determination to stand in front of the congregation. All that participated were well prepared and did a great job.

Since the beginning of our young men participating, we all can see how greatly improved they have become. They have each improved because of their desire to serve our Lord. It is evident that these young men worked hard to present themselves as examples to all of us. They challenge those that are young and old to have the same desire to please God.

It is an encouragement to all knowing our younger generation is becoming more active in doing the Lord's will.

A simple thank you goes out to each one. Keep up the good work!

### *Read the New Testament in the Year 2008*

*Dec. 8 - 3 John*  
*Dec. 9 - Jude*  
*Dec. 10 - Rev. 1*  
*Dec. 11 - Rev. 2*



*Dec. 12 - Rev. 3*  
*Dec. 13 - Rev. 4*  
*Dec. 14 - Rev. 5*

## OUR SICK:

**Lorene Brown** continues to do well in her recovery from several broken bones. A list is provided on the board in the foyer to sign up to bring food during her recovery at home. She appreciates the kindness of everyone who is helping her out during this time. She will be having further surgery this coming Thursday to remove a rod from her arm.

**Tammy Downs** has been incapacitated for some time with a very painful torn Achilles Tendon.

Paul Kirkpatrick was reported ill this past week.

Prayers are requested for **Larry Russell**, a friend of Frank and Jane Shepard, who has recently suffered a stroke and is presently in the hospital.

Prayers are requested for Jessica Fulcher's husband who is a co-worker of Lisa Nail and Laura Cooper. Mrs. Fulcher's husband is in the hospital diagnosed with Spinal Meningitis.



**Barbara Murray** (Theresa Brown's mother) **Rick Clemmons, Lorene & Albert Crader** (The Mock's neighbors), **Barbara Adams** (Carole Porter's sister), **Randy Turner** (neighbor of the Moore family), **Lorene Brown, Jim and Gladys Harper, Keith Brenigar** (Sherrill Stewart's neighbor), **Frank Barbe** (Rodney Brown's cousin), **Linda James** (Jessica Frazier's mother), **Guy Clemmons** (Rick's father), **Joanne Anderson** (Tommy Rose's sister), **Faye Hinson** (Todd's mother), **Dana Wadford, Jane & Buddy Lawrence** (friends of Kathleen and Adam Warner), **Tim Stanley** (friend of the Cooper family), **Kari Woodbury's uncle, Bahnson & Nellie Kathryn Dorse, Don Jackson, Mary Rackley, Elwood Flinchum, Kelly Haynes** (Karen Clemmons' cousin), **Michael Koerth** (Rick Clemmons' uncle), **Lois Watkins, Ronnie Seats** (Kenny Brown's stepfather) **Ray Wood, Nita Kirkland** (Ellen Wingo's mother), **Jim Warner, Elmer Laudenslager, Dot Reeves, Johnsie Moser, Nora Holder, Hilda Hauser, Earl Knost.**  
Also:

*\* the leaders of our country and all those who serve.*

## IN SYMPATHY

Our condolences goes out to Brian Downs in the death of his very good friend, **Ted Cecil**, who passed away Friday, November 28th.

# WELCOMB

**WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE YOU VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING. WE INVITE YOU TO RETURN THIS EVENING AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AND AT 7:00 P.M. EACH WEDNESDAY EVENING FOR THE MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY.**

**YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO REMAIN FOR A "COVERED DISH" FELLOWSHIP MEAL SPONSORED THIS MORNING BY ZONE 1.**

## WARNERS CHAPEL EVENTS:

**Dec. 9 - Youth Group Devotional.**

**Dec. 11 - 50 And Older Class beginning at 10:30 a.m.**

**Dec. 15 - Preachers/Leaders Mtg. at 10 a.m. with refreshments beginning at 9:30 a.m.**

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Jacob and Kari Woodbury** are the proud parents of a baby girl born November 22nd, weighing 7 lb. 2 oz. and 21 1/4 inches long. Her name is **Grace Madeline**.

## IN MEMORY

The beautiful Poinsettias were placed in the auditorium in memory of **Barbara Minor** by her family.

## CHANGE OF ADDRESS

The Downs family have moved to 121 N. Barons Rd., Clemmons, NC 27012. The telephone number remains the same. **Please make this change in your directory.**

## FOR THE RECORD

**Sunday - Nov. 30, 2008**

<b>Sunday Bible Study</b>	<b>157</b>
<b>Sunday Morning Worship</b>	<b>195</b>
<b>Contribution for Nov.30, 2008</b>	<b>\$18,847</b>
<b>Daily Adult Bible Readers:</b>	<b>24</b>
Chapters Read:	<b>599</b>
<b>Daily Children Bible Readers:</b>	<b>1</b>
Chapters Read:	<b>43</b>
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	<b>144</b>
<b>Wed. Evening Bible Study 12-03-08</b>	<b>135</b>

# LORD'S DAY ASSIGNMENTS - DECEMBER 14, 2008

DEVOTIONS:		OPENING PRAYER:		SONG LEADER	SCRIPTURE READER
<b>Scripture</b>	Ryan Pickens	<b>Morning</b>	Bill Knost	<b>A.M.</b> - Steve Tesh	<b>A.M.</b> - Adam Warner
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tommy Rose	<b>Evening</b>	John Allen	<b>P.M.</b> - Ryan Pickens	<b>P.M.</b> - Keith Warner
<b>Prayer</b>	Michael Cooper			<b>Wed.</b> - Mark Roy	

NURSERY (0-2 1/2):		NURSERY (2 1/2-4):		TAPE MONITOR:	FELLOWSHIP MEALS:
<b>Morning</b>	Jessica Lay	<b>Morning</b>	Mary Anne Allen	Jason Allen	<i>Zone 2</i>
<b>Evening</b>	Robin Hauser	<b>Evening</b>	Jeannie Moore		

## Opening and Closing Building

<b>Sunday</b>	Dec. 14	Kenny Brown
<b>Wednesday</b>	Dec. 17	Kenny Brown



## BIRTHDAYS - December 15-21, 2008

<i>Michael Cooper</i>	<i>- Dec. 15</i>	<i>Cleave Binkley</i>	<i>- Dec. 21</i>
<i>Joanne Piper</i>	<i>- Dec. 16</i>		

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes	10:00 AM
Morning Worship	10:50 AM
Evening Worship	6:00 PM

**WEDNESDAY:** Mid-Week Service 7:00 PM

- *Nursery open for small children during all services.*

**SEARCH PROGRAM** - Sunday Mornings at 7:30 a.m. on Cable 68

**Warners Chapel Website:** <http://www.warnerschapelchurchofchrist.org>.

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### ELDERS

Steve Martin  
David Moore  
Tim Allen  
Joe Everett

### DEACONS

Steve Tesh  
Randy Warner  
Tommy Rose  
Keith Warner

Andy Santiago  
Mark Minor  
Todd Hinson